

William Henry STEWART (he changed his name from Henry ROSS)
his wife Harriet Ann PARKER and their Children

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Benjamin ROSS (b.c. 1785-90 in Dorchester County, Maryland) - about 1808 married Harriet Rittia GREENE (b.c. 1785 in Dorchester County, Maryland) - and they had nine children as follows:

1. Linah - born 1808 in Dorchester County, Maryland - sold into slavery in Southern U.S.A.
 2. Mariah Ritty - born 1811- sold into slavery in Southern U.S.A.
 3. Soph - born 1813- sold in slavery into Southern U.S.A.
 4. Robert - born 1816 - changed his name to John STEWART - married Mary MANOKEY
 5. Araminta (a.k.a. Harriet) - born c1822 - Dorchester County, MD - married John TUBMAN in 1844
 6. Benjamin -born 1823 - changed his name to James STEWART - married Jane KANE
 7. Rachel - born 1825 - died in 1859 in Dorchester County, Maryland
 8. **Henry** - born [Aug 1829/30] - changed his name to **William Henry STEWART** – married Harriet Ann PARKER
 9. Moses - born 1832 - escaped slavery in 1851 but whereabouts since are unknown
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As shown above, **Henry** who **changed his name** when he escaped to **William Henry STEWART** was the son of Benjamin and Harriet Rittia ROSS and the brother of Araminta who married John TUBMAN and changed her name to Harriet, thus **Harriet TUBMAN**.

A chronology of events in the life of William Henry STEWART and his family with emphasis on the St. Catharines, Ontario connection

1829 – August - birth of Henry ROSS (who shall for purposes of this timeline be known as **William Henry STEWART**) in Dorchester County, Maryland, United States – he was born into slavery – Edward BRODESS owned the ROSS family.

c1832 – Harriet Ann PARKER - born free in Dorchester County, Maryland. Her parents were Isaac and Julianna PARKER.

1840 – **William Henry**'s father Benjamin ROSS becomes a free man

1849 - March 8 – Edward BRODESS dies - leaving his estate for his children. His wife Eliza BRODESS started selling the slaves to pay debts to keep the estate for her children.

1850 – Sept 18 - The Fugitive Slave Act passed by the United States Congress - this prompted many blacks to cross into Canada.

1850 – Census – Caroline County, Maryland, United States – taken October 7

The census schedule for dwelling #1409 shows a ROSS family consisting of five inhabitants as follows:

Benjamin ROSS - age 60, male, black - born Maryland

Henrietta ROSS - age 55, female, black - born Maryland

Mary ROSS– age 25, female, black - born Maryland

Ann ROSS – age 6, female, black - born Maryland

Henry ROSS – age 15, male, black - born Maryland

1850 – Census – Dorchester County, Maryland, United States – taken on 12 September

The census schedule for dwelling #584 shows a PARKER family consisting of six inhabitants as follows:

Isaac PARKER - age 55, male, black, laborer - born Maryland

Julian PARKER - age 33, female, black - born Maryland

Harriet PARKER - age 14, female, black - born Maryland

Caroline PARKER - age 11, female, black - born Maryland

Letitia PARKER - age 9, female, black - born Maryland

John Ganes - age 7, male, black - born Maryland

[note 1 - they were a free black household]

[note 2 - Harriet married Henry ROSS = **William Henry STEWART**]

[note 3 - Caroline came to St. Catharines area after 1860 and later married William JONES]

1851/2 - **William Henry STEWART** (Henry ROSS) marries Harriet Ann PARKER, the daughter of Isaac and Julia PARKER of the Slaughter Creek area of Dorchester County.

1852 – May – birth of first child, a son William Henry STEWART (born ROSS) junior - son of William Henry STEWART and Harriet Ann PARKER - in Maryland, U.S.A.

c1853-57 – birth of second son John (aka James) Isaac STEWART (born Ross) son of William Henry STEWART and Harriet Ann PARKER – in Maryland. (note: in census records of 1861, 1871 and 1881 the John listed would have been born in c1857 and both USA and Ontario listed as birth locations). However he purportedly was brought to St. Catharines with his mother and brother.

1854 - December 24 (late Christmas Eve) –Harriet TUBMAN leads a party of slaves including three of her brothers: **William Henry STEWART** (Henry ROSS), Robert who became known as John STEWART and Benjamin who became known as James STEWART and his fiance Jane KANE - to freedom in Canada - from Caroline County to Thomas GARRETT's house in Wilmington, Delaware; to Allen AGNEW's in Kennett, PA., then to William STILL's in Philadelphia; then to Albany; then to St. Catharines – The ROSS brothers assumed the name of **STEWART** (many escaped slaves changed their names to mask their identity).

1855 - first week of January - Harriet TUBMAN and escapees arrive in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada - including her brother **William Henry STEWART** and his wife Harriett Ann (nee PARKER) and their two children William Henry Jr. and John (aka James) Isaac.

1856 – **William Henry STEWART** is living in St. Paul's Ward, St. Catharines.

1856 - brother James Stewart and Jane KANE are married and have moved to Chatham, Ontario where they have son Elijah on April 2, 1860 and other children - [it is thought that James died there about 1863]

1857 - June - Harriet TUBMAN brought her parents Benjamin and Rit ROSS out of Caroline County, Maryland to St. Catharines and they also changed their name to STEWART, the same surname adopted by their three sons: Henry (**William Henry**), Robert (John) and Benjamin (James) and who were all in St. Catharines by this time. William Henry and John eventually returned to Auburn, New York.

1857 - Dec – Harriet TUBMAN spends Christmas in St. Catharines visiting her family.

1858 – **William Henry STEWART** is living at the same address as Harriet TUBMAN in St. Catharines. [assessment roll of 1858 shows TUBMAN as occupant, coloured, renting a boarding house on North Street]

1858 – December 13 – birth: Caroline STEWART daughter of William Henry STEWART and Harriet Ann PARKER - in Grantham Township (age 3 in 1861 census, birth date Sept 18, 1864). Her tombstone (Caroline BARNES) shows 1864.

1859 - fall - parents Ben and Rit along with brother John STEWART move from St. Catharines to sister Harriet Tubman's newly acquired residence on South Street in Auburn, New York

c1860 – birth Mary Augusta STEWART daughter of William Henry STEWART and Harriet Ann PARKER - in Grantham Township (age 1 in 1861 census).

1860 - parents Ben and Rit along with brother John STEWART return to St. Catharines and stay one year before returning to Auburn, New York

1861 – **William Henry STEWART** and his sister Harriet TUBMAN served on the committee for a new Fugitive Slave Society in St. Catharines.

1861 – January 5 - Inst. #11427 – Bargain and Sale (150 pounds) – Grantor Augustus JUKES, et. ux. – Grantee **William H. STEWART** – part of Lot 12, Concession IV Grantham Township Grantham Township.

1861 – January 5 - Inst. #1148 – Mortgage (125 pounds) - Grantor **William H. STEWART** – Grantee Augustus JUKES – 6 acres – discharged May 13, 1867.

1861 - Census - (living in) St. Paul's Ward, St. Catharines, Ontario

William STUART - age 30 - occupation labourer - birthplace US - Religion W - male - married - coloured - 1 storey log house

Harriet STUART - age 25 - birthplace Upper Canada - Religion W - female - married - coloured

William STUART - age 6 - birthplace Upper Canada - Religion W - male - single - coloured

John STUART - age 4 - birthplace Upper Canada - Religion W - male - single - coloured

Carlina STUART - age 3 - birthplace Upper Canada - Religion W - female - single - coloured

Mary STUART - age 1 - birthplace Upper Canada - Religion W - female - single – coloured

1861 - April 12 - American Civil War starts - ends May 9, 1865

1863 – October – Harriet TUBMAN takes leave from her army duties and travels to Auburn to see her parents, and then on to St. Catharines to see her other relations including **William Henry STEWART** who is farming in Grantham Township. While Harriet is here, Samuel Gridley HOWE, a representative of the American Freedman's Inquiry Commission arrives. **William Henry STEWART** will testify about his life in Maryland.

(source: Lowry, Beverley: *Harriet Tubman; Imagining a life*)

c1863 brother James STEWART dies - likely in the Chatham area - his wife Jane and son (Elijah) move to Auburn, New York where her daughter (Hester) is born, she remarries to Andrew Winslow.

c1864 – birth of Julia STEWART daughter of William Henry STEWART and Harriet Ann PARKER – in Grantham Township (age 7 in 1871 census).

1864 – Directory of Grantham Township – **STEWART, Wm. H.** (col'd) Con.4 Lot 12 f (*f = farmer*)

1868 - February – birth of Amanda E. STEWART daughter of William Henry STEWART and Harriet Ann PARKER - in Grantham Township (age 3 in 1871 census).

1871 - Census – (living in) Grantham Township, Lincoln County, Ontario

William H. STEWART - age 40 - occupation farmer - birthplace USA - Religion E. Methodist - male - African - married - note: over 20 unable to write.

Harriet A. STEWART - age 30 - birthplace USA - Religion E. Methodist - female - African - married - note: over 20 unable to read or write

William STEWART - age 18 - occupation farmer - birthplace USA - Religion E. Methodist - male - African

John STEWART - age 13 - birthplace USA - Religion E. Methodist - male - African

Caroline STEWART - age 11 - birthplace Ontario - Religion E. Methodist - female - African - going to school

Julia STEWART - age 7 - birthplace Ontario - Religion E. Methodist - female - African - going to school

Mary STEWART - age 5 - birthplace Ontario - Religion E. Methodist - female - African

Amanda STEWART - age 3 - birthplace Ontario - Religion E. Methodist - female – African

1871 – William Henry STEWART’s father Benjamin (ROSS) STEWART dies in Auburn, New York

1872 – birth of Martha A. STEWART daughter of William Henry STEWART and Harriet Ann PARKER - in Grantham Township – (age 9 in 1881 census).

1875 - son William Henry STEWART jr. - moved to Auburn, New York where on April 24, 1879 he married Emma MOSEBY in the Wall Street Methodist Church; shortly after he built a house at 64 Garrow Street.

1876 – birth of Alice STEWART daughter of William Henry STEWART and Harriet Ann PARKER - in Grantham Township – (age 5 in 1881 census).

1878 - May 11 – birth Gertrude STEWART daughter of William Henry STEWART and Harriet Ann PARKER – (Ont. Vital Stats. Index (Reg#016410-78) STEWART, Gertrude, female, father is gardener, infm. William H. STEWART, Grantham) – (1911 census gives birth date as May 1883, but this is incorrect year as she is in 1881 census).

1879 – Oct. – William Henry STEWART’s mother Harriet STEWART (“Rit” ROSS) dies in Auburn, New York (source: Lowry, Beverley: *Harriet Tubman; Imagining a life*)

1880 - Census - 9th Ward Auburn, Cayuga County, New York - 64 Garrow Street

William Stewart [this is junior - William and Harriet’s son] - age 28, black, laborer, born Canada [sic], both parents born Del.

Emma STEWART - wife, age 20, black, keeping house, born New York, parents born New York

Charles STEWART - son, age 2/12 mths. born New York, father born Canada [sic], mother born New York

1881 - Census - Grantham Township, Lincoln County, Ontario

Wm. H. STEWARD (sic) - married - male - African - age 60 *(sic – should be 50) - birthplace USA - occupation Gardener - religion E. Methodist

Hattie STEWARD - married - female - African - age 39 - birthplace USA - religion E. Methodist

John STEWARD - male - African - age 22 - birthplace USA - occupation Gardener - religion E. Methodist

Caroline STEWARD - female - African - age 20 - birthplace Ontario - religion E. Methodist

Julia STEWARD - female - African - age 17 - birthplace Ontario - religion E. Methodist

Mary A. STEWARD - female - African - age 15 - birthplace Ontario - religion E. Methodist
Amanda E. STEWARD - female - African - age 12 - birthplace Ontario - religion E. Methodist
Martha A. STEWARD - female - African - age 9 - birthplace Ontario - religion E. Methodist
Alice STEWARD - female - African - age 5 - birthplace Ontario - religion E. Methodist
Gertrude STEWARD - female - African - age 2 - birthplace Ontario - religion E. Methodist
William JONES - male - African - age 39 - birthplace USA - occupation Laborer - religion E. Methodist
Caroline JONES - female - African - age 38 - birthplace USA - religion E. Methodist
(note: Caroline JONES is Harriet's sister and William JONES is Caroline's husband)

After 1881 Census - John (aka James) Isaac STEWARD (son) -married Helena (who died 1889) – he died March 2, 1893 in Auburn, buried Fort Hill Cemetery. [Did he actually get married to Helena?] - he married Catherine GARNER on August 15, 1888.

1882 – November 29 – **William Henry STEWARD** and wife Harriet Ann sell their lands –and move from farm in Grantham Township – (appears to have remained here as a tenant - see 1884 entry).

Land Document – Instrument # 3599 -- where **William Henry STEWARD** sells his lands
Six (6) Acres of Lands located in Lot 12, Concession IV Grantham Township Grantham Township.

Bargain and Sale 29 November 1882 - Registered 30 November 1882

Grantor: **William Henry STEWARD**, farmer, and Harriet Ann STEWARD both of Grantham Township

Grantee: William JONES, farmer, of Grantham Township

6 acres - \$250.00

These lands are located on the south side of Scott Street – east of Grantham Avenue and west of the former Railroad tracks which are west of Wakelin Terrace and opposite Edinburgh Drive, in what today is St. Catharines.

1883 – June 18 – death: Alice STEWARD dies (of Pneumonia after one week) in St. Catharines, Ontario (O.V.S.reg.#009632) age 6 years, Methodist, born Canada, – buried June 19 in Protestant Neutral, Old Section 'G' Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines (cemetery records)

* 1884 – June 12 – Mary Augusta STEWARD - born in Grantham Township, father **William Henry STEWARD**, gardener, mother Harriet Ann PARKER – Informant: Mrs. W.A. BARNES, Cayuga West – declaration – I am Caroline BARNES oldest sister of Mary STEWARD maiden name Caroline STEWARD, I am 63 years, I am the oldest one living of her relatives – a 2nd file has same information but affidavit says: 1. older sister, 2. I am 21 years older than my sister, 3. in the house at time of birth – Dated August 10, 1926. (Ontario Vital Statistics).

(NOTE by W. J. Stevens – * the dates given do not correspond to census ages)

1884 - **Wm. H. STEWARD** shown as tenant on Lot 12 Concession 4 Grantham Twp. in 1884-85 Directory (published in 1884) Note: this is the same property he sold on Nov. 29, 1882.

c1888 – **William Henry STEWARD** – left his wife Harriet Ann in Grantham Township and went to Auburn, New York where their son William Henry junior lives; his house was at 176 South Street, Auburn. – stays with his son for awhile then moves into his sister Harriet TUBMAN's house.

1888 - Aug 15 - son John Isaac STEWARD married Catharine Elizabeth GARNER in St. Catharines - John is 26, born Baltimore, Maryland, bachelor, residence St. Catharines, Methodist, gardener, parents: Wm. Henry and Hattie Ann; Catharine is 19, born in Kingston, Ontario, spinster, residence St. Catharines, Methodist; witnesses: Amanda STEWARD, Julia STEWARD both of St. Catharines

1889 - Nov 14 - brother John STEWART (Robert ROSS) dies in Flemming, Cayuga Co., New York - New York State Death Index entry #40117 [his wife Amelia Hollis STEWART died Aug 3. 1896 in Auburn and interred in Soule's Cemetery]

1891 - Census - Grantham Township, Lincoln County, Ontario (page 12)

John STEWART - age 30, born USA, parents born USA, gardener, Methodist

Kate STEWART - wife, age 21, born Ontario, Methodist

both can read and write

1891 - Census - Grantham Township, Lincoln County, Ontario

William JONES – married – male – age 50 – born U.S.A. – Methodist – gardener

Caroline JONES – married – female – wife - age 42 - born U.S.A. – Methodist

Hattie STEWART – female – age 44 – born U.S.A. – Lodger – Methodist –W (*sic –W means widow*)

Carry STEWART – female – age 23 – born U.S.A. – Lodger – Methodist

Jula STEWART – female – age 22 – born U.S.A. – Lodger – Methodist

Mary STEWART – female – age 19 – born U.S.A. – Lodger – Methodist

Manda STEWART – female – age 18 – born U.S.A. – Lodger – Methodist

Martha STEWART – female – age 17 – born U.S.A. – Lodger – Methodist

Gertrude STEWART – female – age 12 – born U.S.A. – Lodger – Methodist

after 1891 census - John Isaac STEWART son of William Henry STEWART and Harriet Ann PARKER leaves St. Catharines and moves to Auburn, New York.

1891 – October 6 – marriage: Caroline STEWART - born St. Catharines, age 26, father **Wm. STEWART**, mother Harriet STEWART - marries at St. Catharines - Wm. A. (Andrew) BARNES [born Canfield, Ontario, age 32 (born 1859)] (Ontario Vital Statistics Reg. #007131).

1892 - Feb 16 - N.Y. State Census - Auburn, Cayuga County, New York State

Ward 2

William H. STEWART - male. age 66, colored, born U.S., citizen, teamster

Ward 9

William H. STEWART - male, age 41, colored, born Canada, citizen, teamster

Emma E. STEWART - wife, age 31, colored, born U.S., citizen, laundress

Elida M. STEWART - dau., age 11, colored, born U.S., citizen

Charles E. STEWART - son, age 12, colored, born U.S., citizen

1893 – Feb 2 – son John Isaac STEWART – died in Auburn, N.Y. - buried Feb 3 - Home Section, plot 239, Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn, New York, aged 40

1893 - Mar 27 birth and Sept 15 death of William Carroll Edwin BARNES - son of Caroline STEWART and William A. BARNES, in Cayuga, Haldimand County, Ontario (Ont Vital Stats)

1894 - Nov 18 - birth of William Herbert BARNES - son of Caroline STEWART and William A. BARNES, in Cayuga, Haldimand County, Ontario (Ont Vital Stats)

1895 – November 13 – marriage: Manda E. STEWART [born Springdale, age 21, father **Wm. STEWART**, mother Harriet STEWART] marries at St. Catharines – John GALES [born Canfield, age 32] (Ontario Vital Statistics Reg. #007442). John was from Buffalo and Manda had moved to Buffalo (1910 U.S. census says she immigrated in 1890)

1896 - June 22 - birth of Lorne Cecil BARNES - son of Caroline STEWART and William A. BARNES, in Cayuga, Haldimand County, Ontario (Ont Vital Stats) [there is a WWI attestation paper for him]

1897 - Sept 4 - birth of Victor Henri BARNES - son of Caroline STEWART and William A. BARNES, in Cayuga, Haldimand County, Ontario (Ont Vital Stats)

1897 - Sept 18 - Julia STEWART dies in Grantham Twp. - aged 24 years, of consumption, housekeeper, Methodist - buried Sept 20 Old Section “G” Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines [she was not married]

1899 - Nov - birth of Beatrice GALES in Buffalo, N.Y. - daughter of Amanda STEWART and John GALES

1899 - Dec 23 - Ollie (Ida) Gertrude Caroline - daughter of Caroline STEWART and William A. BARNES, in Haldimand County, Ontario (Ont Vital Stats)

1900 – Census – Fleming Town, Cayuga County, New York - 28 June 1900

Harriet T. DAVIS – head – born April ... - age 87 – widow – born Maryland as was father and mother

William STEWART – brother – age 70 – widower - born Maryland also father and mother

Kate STEWART – grand daughter – born Jan. 1894 – age 6 – single – born Canada – father born Canada – mother born Virginia

Two boarders were also living in the same household – Mary Wright and Max Shaw

1900 - Census – Ward 9, Auburn, Cayuga County, New York - 64 Garrow Street

William H. STEWART (*jr*) – married on 1880 – age 48 – born May 1852 in Maryland; black; head of household, laborer, parents born Maryland - owns own house

Emma STEWART – wife – age 36 – born May 1864 Canada; black

Charles STEWART – son – age 20 – born March 1880 New York – black, single, laborer

Alida STEWART – daughter - age 19 - born Nov. 1881 New York - black, single, at school

1900 – Federal Census - Ward 12 Buffalo, Erie County, New York

John GALES - age 27 - born Feb 1873 N.Y., head, black, parents born N.Y., married 1896, porter

Amanda GALES (nee STEWART) - age 26 - born Feb 1875 Canada, wife, black, immigrated 1890, parents born Maryland. The 1910 census of Buffalo indicates that she obtained her U.S. citizenship in 1895.

Beatrice GALES - age 6/12 [born November 1899] - black, father born N.Y., mother born Maryland

1901 - Census - Grantham Township, Lincoln County, Ontario

William JONES – head - married, age 52, born 1849 USA, immigrated 1866, African, Methodist, farmer

Carrie JONES – wife – married, age 52, born 1849 USA, immigrated 1866, African, Methodist

Harriet A. STUART – sister-in-law – age 56, born 1845 USA, immigrated 1866, African, Methodist

Mary STUART – lodger – age 27, born 1874 Ontario, African, Methodist

Martha STUART - lodger – age 25, born 1875 Ontario, African, Methodist

Gertie STUART - lodger – age 18, born 1882, Ontario, African, Methodist

1901 - Census – Cayuga – Haldimand County

Wm BARNES – head – age 41 – born May 19, 1859 in Ontario – African – Canadian – Baptist - barber
Cary BARNES – wife – age 36 – born Sept. 18, 1864 in Ontario – African – Canadian – Baptist
Hubert BARNES – son – age 6 – born Nov.15, 1894 in Ontario – African – Canadian – Baptist
Lorne BARNES – son – age 4 – born June 10, 1896 in Ontario – African – Canadian – Baptist
Victor BARNES – son – age 3 – born Sept. 4, 1897 in Ontario – African – Canadian – Baptist
Ollie BARNES – daughter –age 1 – born Dec.3, 1899 in Ontario – African – Canadian – Baptist

1900 - 1904 - Atlas shows **William Henry STEWART**'s home at 176 South Street, Auburn, N.Y. and also owning a vacant lot at 15 Union Street, Auburn, N.Y.

1901- Oct 9 (Wednesday)– marriage: Gertrude (Gertie) STEWART marries a William O. THOMPSON at the residence of the bride in Grantham Twp. by Rev. Molony. Miss Martha STEWART was bridesmaid, Mr Joseph Young was groomsman and Miss Cora THOMPSON acted as Maid of Honour.
(Gertrude THOMPSON is named in the 1912 will of Harriet TUBMAN, family is in 1911 census of St. Catharines.)

1902 – May 7 (Wednesday) – marriage: Martha STEWART [age 26, born Grantham Township, father **Wm. STEWART**, mother Heattie PARKER, residence Grantham Township, single] marries Jos. S. YOUNG [age 23, born 05 Dec 1881 in Collingwood, Ontario, bachelor, residence Sty. Catharines, cook] (Ontario Vital Statistics).

1902 - July 14 - birth of Theresa Violet Elvera Marcell THOMPSON daughter of Gertrude STEWART and William Oscar THOMPSON in St. Catharines.

1903 - Apr 6 - birth of William George Edward YOUNG - son of Martha STEWART and Joseph Turner YOUNG in St. Catharines.

1904 - May 29 - birth of Gertrude Ollie THOMPSON daughter of Gertrude Lavinia STEWART and Oscar THOMPSON in St. Catharines.

1904 - Harriet TUBMAN - gives land to church in Auburn - a mortgage of \$371 was paid off owed to William Henry Stewart Sr.

1905 - June 1 - New York State Census - Fleming, Cayuga County

Harriet T. DAVIS - head - aged 90y, [bc1815], born U.S.A., black, citizen
William Henry STEWART - brother - aged 70y, [bc1835], born U.S.A., black, teamster, citizen
Katy STEWART - niece of Harriet - aged 16y, [bc 1889], born U.S.A., black, at school, citizen
plus four boarders

1905 - June 1 - New York State Census - Auburn Ward 9, Cayuga County

William STEWASRT [Jr] -head - aged 52y, born Canada, 30 years in U.S., citizen, day laborer
Emma STEWART - wife - aged 48y, born U.S.A., citizen, house work
Charles STEWART - son - aged 25y, born U.S.A., citizen, day laborer
Alida STEWART - daughter - aged 23y, born U.S.A., citizen, house work

1905 - June 1 - New York State Census - Buffalo, Ward 12, Erie County

John F. GALES - head - aged 35y [bc1870], born Canada, black, hotel porter, 20 years in U.S.A.
Amanda GALES [nee STEWART] - wife, aged 26 [bc1879], b. Canada, black, house work, 8 years in U.S.
Beatrice V. GALES - daughter -aged 5 [bc1900] b. U.S.A., back
[note - Amanda was born Feb 1868 so should be 36y old]

1905 - July 4 - death of Victor Henri BARNES - son of Caroline STEWART and William Andrew BARNES
- in Cayuga Village, Haldimand County, Ontario.

1906 - Feb 25 - death of William Henry STEWART Junior (born May 1860 on monument) - son of Willian Henry STEWART sr. and Harriet Ann PARKER - buried in Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn, New York.
His wife EMMA died April 17, 1912.

1908 - Opening of "Harriet TUBMAN Home" - **William Henry STEWART** rode in the carriage with his sister Harriet TUBMAN during a celebration parade.

1910 - April 18 - Caroline JONES (nee PARKER) - dies at Grantham Township - age 68, born Maryland, married, colored, home duties, father Isaac PARKER, mother not known (Ontario Vital Statistics, death registration). Buried Old Section "G" Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines. (she is sister of Harriet Ann PARKER STEWART).

1910 - Census - Fleming, Cayuga County, New York

William H. STEWART - head - married - age 90 (*sic - should be 80*) - born Maryland
Harriet T. DAVIS - sister - widowed - age 97 - born Maryland

1910 - Census - Ward 9 - Auburn, Cayuga County, New York

Emma STEWART - (this is widow of William Henry Stewart junior) - head, widowed, black, age 48 -
born 1862 in Canada - both parents born in Canada - immigrated in 1876 - laundress for private family
Charles STEWART - single, black, age 30, born [1880] in New York - father born Maryland, mother
born in Canada - labourer in coal yard
Gladys STEWART - single, black, age 4, born [1906] in New York - father born Maryland, mother
born in Canada
Alida STEWART - single, black, age 28, born [1882] in New York - father born Maryland, mother
born in Canada
Evelyn STEWART - single, black, age 18 - born [1892] in New York - father born Maryland, mother
born in Canada - servant with private family
[note: census lists all the children as sons (sic) of Emma]

1910 - Census - Ward 10 - Buffalo, Erie County, New York

John GALES - head, age 45y [bc1865], born Virginia, black, occupation: restaurant lunch room, both
parents born in Virginia, rents house, can read and write
Manda GATES - [nee Amanda STEWART] - wife, age 34y, born [bc 1876] in Canada, immigrated in 1895,
black, both parents born in Maryland, can read and write
Beatrice GALES - daughter, age 10y, born [b1900] in New York, black, attends school, able to read & write

1911 - Census - Grantham Township, Lincoln County, Ontario - Lots 11, 12 Conc 3, 4

William JONES – head – widow – age 68 - born Jan.1849 Ont. – Negro, Canadian, Methodist, farmer
Harriet A. STEWART – sister-in-law – single – age 60 – b. July 1851 Ont. [sic] - Negro, Canadian, Methodist

Mary STEWART – sister-in-law – single – age 34 – born June 1877 Ont. - Negro, Canadian, Methodist

1911 – Census – St. Catharines, Lincoln County, Ontario – living at 24 Water Street

Joseph YOUNG – head –age 31 – born Nov.1879 in Ontario – Negro, Canadian, Methodist, labourer

Martha YOUNG – wife – age 27 – born Apr.1884 in Ontario – Negro, Canadian, Methodist

William Jos. YOUNG -son – age 8 – born Apr. 1903 in Ontario – Negro, Canadian, Methodist

Harriett YOUNG –sister – age 20 – born July 1890 in Ontario – Negro, Canadian, Methodist, cook

1911 – Census – St. Catharines, Lincoln County, Ontario – living at 9 Water Street

William THOMPSON – head – age 34 – born Mar.1877 in Ontario – Negro, Canadian, Methodist, labourer

Gertrude THOMPSON – wife – age 28 – born May 1883 in Ontario – Negro, Canadian, Methodist

Elvira THOMPSON – dau. – age 8 – born July 1902 in Ontario – Negro, Canadian, Methodist

Gertrude THOMPSON – dau. – age 7 – May 1904 in Ontario – Negro, Canadian, Methodist

1911 – Census – Cayuga, Haldimand County, Ontario

William BARNES -head- age 52- born May 1859 in Ont.- African, Canadian, Baptist

Carrie BARNES – wife – age 45 – born Oct.1866 in Ont.- African, Canadian, Baptist

Hubert BARNES – son – age 16 - born Nov.1895 in Ont.- African, Canadian, Baptist

Lorne BARNES –son – age 14 – born July 1897 in Ont.- African, Canadian, Baptist

Olive BARNES – dau.- age11 – born Dec. 1901 in Ont.- African, Canadian, Baptist

(note by WJS: Cecil Lorne BARNES - in 1901 census born Jun 10, 1896 – he married Inez JOHNSTON)

1911 - March 13 - **Wm. H. STEWART** admitted as inmate into County Home, Cayuga County - age 85y [bc1826] - born in the south, poor physical condition, cause of dependence is sickness, not able to perform labor, never received public relief before nor been an inmate of an almshouse or other institution before, name and address of relative is Mr. STEWART, 64 Garrow Street, Auburn. [note; this is likely his grandson Charles STEWART, son of William Henry STEWART junior who was living at 64 Garrow Street]

1912 – Friday, July 19 – **William Henry STEWART** - dies in Town of Sennett, Cayuga County, New York – obit – late of Auburn, aged 80 years; second obit in another newspaper say 85 years old and yet another says 86 years and funeral in Soule Cemetery. *(based upon previous ages – he died at about age 82)*

1912 – Sunday, July 21 – **William Henry STEWART** – funeral service held at A.M.E. Zion Church, Auburn at 4 p.m. - buried in Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn – (his sister Harriet TUBMAN Davis who died March 10, 1913 was buried beside him) – section West Lawn ‘C’ lot 439 Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn.

1912 – November 18 – Harriet TUBMAN DAVIS made her will she named the following nieces living in St. Catharines: Mary STEWART, Gertrude THOMPSON, Amanda GALES, Mary (sic: should be Martha) YOUNG and Carrie BARNES living in Cayuga.

1913 - March 10 - sister Harriet TUBMAN dies at the home she founded on South Street, Auburn and buried in section West Lawn 'C' lot 439 Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn. She had been a resident of Fleming, Cayuga County. Her husband had predeceased her.

1915 – June 24 – Gertrude (Gertie) L. THOMPSON (nee STEWART) – dies in St. Catharines - buried June 27 in Protestant Neutral, Old Section 'G' Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines (O.V.S. & cemetery records) – survived by husband William O. THOMPSON and daughters Gertrude O. THOMPSON and Elvira THOMPSON. Funeral service June 27 at B.M.E. Church, then to cemetery.

1916 – Wednesday, December 27 – Harriet Ann PARKER STEWART died at her late residence Scott Street in Grantham Township, Lincoln County, Ontario and buried December 27 in Old Section "G" Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines. Survivors: GALES, A.E. Mrs. (dau) of Grantham; STEWART, Mary Miss. (dau) of Grantham; YOUNG, Joseph Mrs. (dau) of St. Catharines; BARNES, William Mrs. (dau) of Cayuga, Ontario; JONES, William (brother-in-Law) of Grantham – Funeral will take place Saturday, December 29 at 2 p.m., service conducted by Rev. Moses NEWSOME from her late residence. - Harriett STEWART, age 75, born in the United States. (Ontario Vital Statistics Reg.#061616)(newspaper obituary).

1917 – September 27 – second marriage of Mrs. Amanda GALES (nee STEWART), widow, age 34y, born St. Catharines, father William STEWART, mother Harriet PARKER - marries Ernest Charles TAYLOR, born Bridgewater, VA - marriage at B.M.E. Church Parsonage – Rev. W. McHenry VINTES officiated. Both Methodists, witnesses Miss Mary STEWART and Mrs. Ida May VINTES, both of St. Catharines.

1917 - Dec 2 - names of: Mr. Joseph YOUNG, Mrs. Joseph YOUNG, Miss Mary STEWART and Mr. Wm, JONES appear on plaque on the wall inside the B.M.E. Salem Chapel which reads: "Honored Members and Friends of B.M.E. Church that donated one dollar or more at the reopening Dec. 2nd 1917."

1921 – March 13 – Amanda GALES TAYLOR (nee STEWART) dies – Grantham Township, age 45, married, housewife, colored, lived 3 years at place of death, lifetime in Ontario, father William Henry STEWART born Maryland, mother Harriet Ann PARKER born Maryland, informant daughter Beatrice GALES; buried March 15, 1921 in Old Section 'G', Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines in an unmarked grave (Ontario Vital Statistics Reg. #019949).

1921 – April 17 – William JONES - dies in Grantham Township – age 76, born Maryland, gardener, lived 35 years at place of death, informant Mary STEWART, Niece, R.R.#2 St. Catharines; funeral April 19, 1921 from B.M.E. Church on Geneva Street with burial April 19 in Protestant Neutral, Old Section 'G' Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines (Ontario Vital Statistics and cemetery records).

1921 Census - Cayuga Village, Haldimand County, Ontario

William BARNES - head, age 62

Carrie BARNES - wife, age 56 - born Ontario, parents born U.S.A.

Lorne BARNES - son, age 25

Ollie BARNES - daughter, age 20

1921 Census - St. Patrick's Ward St. Catharines, Lincoln County, Ontario - 64 Haines Avenue

Joseph YOUNG - head - age 40, born Ontario, Methodist, teamster, currently unemployed

Martha An YOUNG [nee STEWART] - wife - age 45 [bc1876] in Ontario, Methodist

1925 New York State Census - 161 Chester Street, Ward 17 Buffalo, Erie County

Ida TAYLOR - head - age 58y, born [c1867] in Canada. black, cook, 40 years in U.S., naturalized due to parents [she is likely a sister or sister-in-law of Amanda's second husband Ernest Charles TAYLOR.]

Beatrice GALES - niece - age 25, born 1900 in N.Y. (daughter of Amanda STEWART and John GALES, black, U.S. National, clerical work.

1926 – August 10 – date of declaration by Caroline BARNES regarding birth date of Mary Augusta STEWART – see entry for 1884 – June 12 for details.

1926 – August 21 – Mary A. STEWART crosses border (border crossing card) to live with her niece Beatrice GALES at 61 Pratt St., Buffalo; info: age 42, born Grantham, Ontario, Canadian, single, cook, African Black, can read and write, speaks English, purpose of visit is to settle permanently, height 5-feet 4-inches, black hair, brown eyes, name and address of nearest relative in country whence alien came: Mrs. BARNES, Cayuga, Haldimand County, Ontario.

After 1926 – Mary A. STEWART – dies (possibly in Buffalo, N.Y.) (assumed she did not marry).

1927 - May 5 - Joseph T. YOUNG - border crossing at Niagara Falls, New York - age 48y born Collingwood, Ontario, laborer, Canadian, African, black, last permanent address: 90 Haines Ave., St. Catharines, destination Niagara Falls, N.Y. to join friend James GRANT at 213 14th St., and proposes permanent residence; name and address of nearest relative in country whence alien came wife Martha, 90 Haines Ave., St. Catharines

* assuming Martha YOUNG nee STEWART was alive as stated in crossing info. and either stayed in St. Catharines or eventually joined her husband in Niagara Falls, N.Y. - her death date and place is unknown

1931 – January 24 – Caroline BARNES dies – Dunnville, Haldimand County, Ontario – age 67, resident of Cayuga, married, housewife, African, born December 13, 1863 at St. Catharines, father **William Henry STEWART**, mother Harriet PARKER – buried North Cayuga Cemetery, informant Lorne BARNES, son, residence Cayuga. Wife of William Andrew BARNES (William born May 19, 1859 at Canfield, Ontario, African).

Based upon the above records this appears to be the family of:

William Henry STEWART and his wife Harriet Ann PARKER

William Henry STEWART – born: August 1829 Maryland, USA – died: July 19, 1912 Sennett, N.Y.

Harriet Ann PARKER – born: c1832 USA – died: Dec. 27, 1916 Grantham Township, Ontario

Children:

1. William Henry STEWART jr. – born May 1852 - USA - into slavery – married Emma MOSEBY – died Feb 25, 1906 Auburn
2. John Isaac STEWART – born: c1853 – USA – married Catherine GARNER – died: Feb. 2, 1893 Auburn
3. Caroline STEWART – born Dec 13, 1858 – Grantham- St. Catharines – married William A. BARNES – d: Jan. 24, 1931 Dunnville
4. Mary Augusta – born: 1860 - Grantham- St. Catharines – died: after 1926
5. Julianne – born: 1864 - Grantham- St. Catharines – died: Sept 18, 1897 Grantham
6. Amanda E.– born: Feb.1868 - Grantham- St. Catharines – married 1. John GALES; 2. Charle TAYLOR –died: Mar. 13, 1921 St. Catharines
7. Martha A. – born: 1872 – Grantham- St. Catharines – married Joseph YOUNG – died: after 1926
8. Alice - born: 1876 - Grantham- St. Catharines – died: June 18, 1883 St. Catharines
9. Gertrude Lavinia – born: May 11, 1878 - Grantham – married William O. THOMPSON – died: June 24, 1915 St. Catharines

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